N.Y. Monday Morng.

My dear Gray -

Yrs. of 21 at hand, & Lre. to Martius duly forwarded by "Missouri" - sails this Morng. The present is in consequence of a long very characteristic lre. rec.d from our friend Dewey, who, amongst other things, goes into the merits of his Carex mirata, of which he sends me a Perim. Scale from ? & also from Georgia, but in my judgment 2 quite distinct things!! the latter like what I have supposed to be Rudge's C. gigantea, & the former not unlike Boott's C. canadensis, but perhaps something else - Well - now comes the beauty of the whole matter - Torrey under C. aristata cites, (without any ?), Dewey's C. mirata, & addition to the Watertown local.} gives "Shore of Lake Ontario (Dr. Sartwell) according to Profr Dewey" - Dewey himself in Wood's Bot. 2.d edn under his C. mirata says - "Shores of Lake Ontario, Sartwell, also found in the State of Georgia" - I now copy from Dewey's lre. before me, as follows,

"On C. aristata RBr. I do not perhaps understand you yet. The arctic plant I called & well figured (!) C. aristata RBr. is not the Watertown plant which is the plant of RBr. Dr. Sartwell has no C. aristata

from Lake Ontario – at least so I understand him. (!!) My C. mirata Dr. S. has never found or seen as I believe" (!!!) – Riddle me, Riddle me ree – Guess me what all this means – Dewey in Torr. Fl. & in Wood's Bot!! versus Dew. in Litt.!!!

However, it is all very satisfactory to me, now, since I have no locality for C. mirata Dr. within your limits, be it what it may – Please therefore, in my Mss. under C. aristata erase the L. Ontario hab. – & all reference to C. mirata let C. arist.a merely stand "referred" "Watertown & Northward to arctic Am.a" – If the type is set up, please erase in the proof, unless you propose sending it to me as before. – I find Dewey's C. flaccosperma (qr. – lat. hab.?) is, as I suspected, the queer var. of Schk's C. laxiflora, to which Dewey never compares it! tho' he mentions, more suo, a remote resemblance to C. granul. I therefore erased my (?) in the proof returned to you by Saturday's mail, & put his C. flaccosperma under C. gricea, var. mutica, without a doubt. I thank you for your very kind intention of printing off some extra sheets of Carex which I remember you named before, but I then thought, as I do now, that it was making too much of so small a matter – However, you must at all events, let me be chg.d with paper & printing – that is pay. – Keep back as many as you choose, including one for Frickerman & one for Mr. Gregg – & only let me have a list of the names for whom you intend them, that they may not be – "done in duplicate". I do not know what to say to the Review at present – My head is full of flour! grain!! Cotton!!! & Bot. ashes!!!! not to say Lard – Beef & Pork & Cheese besides Exp.s on London – France & Germany, & failures innumerable in England –

Dear Jam. has another Boy, born on Saturday morning. – All going on well –

I had already talked up the interdiffusion of Japes &c. with Torrey, but am not yet quite satisfied I have still qualms thereanent. I wonder if you keep up Eragrostis as a gen.? I think it is as good as Glyceria. I mean as distinct from Poa – Jam, & always have been anxious to know the limits of these genera & Briza, & also the clear limits between Poa – Festuca – Bromus – I give you joy of Bainiemm, truly – I rather guess, P. nitidum will swallow up "considerable", as our friend Sartwell has heretofore remarked – I remember I used to think

Torrey's Trisetum purpureas. was technically a Brauns.
What again are the limits of Trisetum? I never knew.
However since you "have done 28 generaswell" I look
for ☉ — Meantime God bless you & prosper you in
all things — love to "our peerless ladie" — Strange indeed
that she shouldn't "grow more & more charming" (!!!) &
kind regards to the Boys — Verybusy yrs. H.

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